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Team Selects Local Health Department Representative

(Farmington, Utah) – The state's Gold Medal Schools Team honored Tiffany Leishman as the Outstanding Local Health Department representative for her work with Gold Medal Schools. According to the award, Leishman gave exceptional support to the schools and mentors in Davis County throughout the 2005-2006 school year. Leishman is a health educator with the Davis County Health Department.

One of Leishman's Gold Medal School mentors, Carla Passey, said, "Tiffany is great to work with because she is clear what her expectations are. She offers the support and feedback that we need in order to meet those expectations. Also, she lets us know often how much she appreciates the work that we do," Passey said. "It's easy to give your best effort when you know it will be appreciated."

The award recognizes Leishman's excellent support and guidance allowing the Gold Medal Schools program to thrive in Davis County. Some of her accomplishments for the 2005-2006 school year include recruiting 9 new Gold Medal Schools, coordinating 88 Grocery Store Tours, providing useful feedback, meeting deadlines, and supporting the state Gold Medal Schools team by presenting training sessions.

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The Gold Medal Schools program joins more than 200 Utah elementary schools in their commitment to creating a healthier generation by making policy changes in their schools. These policy changes inspire more physical activity, nutrition, anti-tobacco education, and opportunities for students and staff.

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